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In response to the Office Action mailed August 2, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 19-26 without prejudice.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement on the above-captioned application under 35 U.S.C. §121 and requested the Applicant to elect the invention to be examined. Pursuant to the Examiner's request, Applicant hereby elects to restrict the above-captioned application to Claims 1-18 without traverse and cancels Claims 19-26 without prejudice. Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §121. Hence, reconsideration of the above-captioned application in light of the amendments and remarks contained herein is respectfully requested. Please charge any additional

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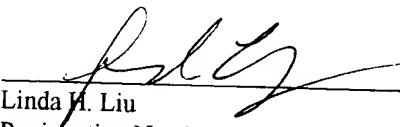
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